

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's final Office Action of April 23, 20-07 issued with respect to the present RCE application, the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment to the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is amended to omit recitation of the refill port and retaining arrangement and to specify that the cartridge has an authentication device with which the processor communicates the verify authenticity of the cartridge. Support for this amendment can be found, for example, page 7, lines 6-16 and page 16, line 6-page 17, line 29 of the present specification; and

dependent claims 2 and 3 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter to the present application, nor any new issues to the prosecution of the present application.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and claims 2 and 3 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by Silverbrook in view of Carrese, for at least the following reasons.

As discussed above, independent claim 1 has been amended to specify the authentication device of the cartridge and that the processor communicates with the authentication device to verify authenticity of the cartridge (see page 7, lines 6-16 and page 16, line 6-page 17, line 29 of the present specification).

Neither Silverbrook, Carrese nor any of the other cited references of record, teach or suggest such an authentication arrangement.

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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